Are We a Thankful People or Not? Thursday, the 24th instant, has been set apart by some twenty-five or twenty-six States, our own among the number, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer.

There is abundant reason for thankfulness to the A thor of All Good in the physical prosperity and the general healthfulness of our country. No epidemics have visited our towns or cities: few storms or floods have devastated our coasts or ruined our crops. Trade has been, at least remunerative, and industry has not gone without its accustomed reward. We have been at peace with foreign nations and our ships have pursued their course unmolested.

But there has also been ground for humiliation an for apprehension. If the physical elements have been at peace-if physical health has prevailed, the moral world has not been without its storms; the political world has not been without its feverish apprehensions. And unfortunately the clouds that darken our national skies have not yet passed away. Their shadows still hang over us. From their dark bosoms still come forth the angry mutterings of that thunder which appals the timid, and causes even the firmest to pause and take

With everything for which a nation ought to be thank ful-blessed with health, wealth and prosperity, can we truly say that on Thursday next the twenty-six millions inhabiting the twenty-six States that will keep that day as one of thanksgiving and prayer will do so in a truly thankful and prayerful spirit. Will they evince their love and gratitude to their Maker by cherishing kind and loving feelings towards their fellow-men? Can we hope for such a consummation, when we see day by day the growing evidences of alienation between the different sections of the country,-between the different States of the Union? Can a true and acceptable gratitude to God animate the breasts of a Northern congregation who meet together to give thanks that they are not as other men, nor even as these slave-holders-can these people feel a true brotherly love towards those whom they daily denounce and against whom they hourly conspire? On the other hand, can the Southern christian feel as he ought to feel when he thinks on these things-when he sees all the means and appliances of peace and prosperity marted by political meddling or sectional fanaticism Can he then make the charitable allowances that he might otherwise do for the influence of early teachings. uncorrected by actual knowledge.

As a people, we of all the peoples on earth stand most in need of a true spirit of thankfulness-a true knowledge of the blessings we enjoy. Although the Fourth of July orator celebrates the praises of the glorious Union in glowing periods, it must be apparent to all that our people have no " realizing sense " of the blessings or advantages that Union is supposed to confer and certainly might confer if only left to itself. The people of the United States are restive in the harness by which they have voluntarily yoked themselves to the car of state, and the common bonds that unite them are, by this restiveness become fast chafed and weakened.

Say now on Thursday next, people go to Church in Virginia and in Massachusetts, how many in Virginia will thank the Lord for uniting them in one Federal bond with a people who denounce them and war against their institutions and their domestic tranquility? Who in Massachusetts will truly thank God for his political Union with the people of the Southern States, who maintain and perpetuate what he has been taught to believe and what he teaches others to believe is the crying sin and peculiar iniquity of the age.

Brownsville, Texas.

This place, formerly Fort Brown, was named in honor ing Sept. 30th 1859 :of Major Brown, commander of the U.S. garrison, who was mortally wounded by a shell from the Mexican batteries in 1846, while General Taylor with the main body of the force was engaged in opening a communication with point Isabel, from which it is about 30 miles distant. It is on the left bank and 40 miles from the mouth of the Rio Grande, opposite Matamoros. It has nominally a population of 5,000 and a large trade with Mexico, the secret of its business being that it is the great depot for goods intended to be smuggled over the vear. river into Mexican territory, and the Brownsville Flag says that though they have five thousand inhabitants tures is included an amount of \$6,376 47 on account hundred on the census roll, and of these there are not old enough to bear arms, to be found in the place. The greater part of the population of Mexican origin are fugitives from Mexico, peones, ladrones, etc., an idle, vicious, depraved, ignorant, thievish population, known which we do not understand. It is this miserable population, made doubly hostile by the long-continued warfare between Texas and Mexico, and between the latter and the United States, that has created all the difficulty. Brownsville is the county seat of Cameron county, which contains not one person to a square mile, being mostly uninhabited, if not considerably uninhabitable. The military force formerly stationed at Brownsville was removed some time since on account of the unhealth-

renewal of these predatory attacks may be anticipated, advance upon that now presented for 1858-'59. since we know that there are no authorities in Mexico, with either the power or the inclination to prevent such things, while the border population is of a class to in dulge in them whenever they can do so with impunity. Brownsville is three hundred miles from Austin, the Capital of Texas, and the portion of that State between the Neuces and the Rio Grande is altogether too sparsely settled by Americans to be able at all to protect itself. There is but one alternative-the permanent main tenance of a force of rangers or mounted rifles for the protection of the border settlements, for to this protection they certainly have a right.

P. S .- It will be seen by our despatch that Brownsville is safe, and Cortinas safe-hung.

Wolf! Wolf! The Northern papers, among the rest, the Philadelphia Bulletin, poke a good deal of fun at the Virginians, on account of the recent panic in the vicinity of Harper's Ferry. They call it "The Wheat-stack Insurrection." The truth is, that Col. Davis, or whoever else it was, who telegraphed to the authorities of Virginia and the United States, can hardly be said to have covered himself with glory. Vigilance is always desirable, and, had Brown or any of his band is wholly obsolete. a proper degree of vigilance been exercised at and in the ed the portentous dimensions in which at present pre- forth. sents itself to the public. But while we all admit the propriety, and urge the necessity of vigilance, we must also be aware of the danger and bad policy of allowing the cry of Wolf! Wolf! being too often raised without due cause, since its frequent repetition may render the people indifferent to it and unwilling to reply to the call of real danger, because incredulous of its actual existence.

And Still They Come! George McMillan Esq., of this county, sends us an ear

There is no demagogue so stupid that he cannot raise Federal Governments can be brought back to the same city. The Edifice was erected by Captain Gilbert Pother territory has much more increased-she has now to has to defend an immense frontier, she has to provide for Rev. Mr. Prichard of the Baptist Church. introducing Steam into her Navy, by which the cost of that branch of the public service is largely enhanced .- Baptist Church on the subject of a School Ship. The The appliances of modern warfare are far more expensive public is invited to attend. than they were a few years ago. The price of labor is now much higher than it was before the advent of California and Australia gold ;-what would have been regarded as a competent salary in 1830, would be looked upon as a mere pittance in 1859-'60. In the changed conditions of the world and of our relations to it, we can adequate for the full protection of our citizens at home evening the following answer was returned. and abroad. We trust that all speculative grants, land stealings, steamship plunder, and other corrupt movements for the depletion of the public treasury, may hereafter be carefully watched, but we also trust that no neglect to make due provision for the public defence, to come. will ever again leave our frontier in a position to be insulted by such a contemptible antagonist as Cortinas

It has been frequently the case of late years that Congress, paying little or no attention to the official estimates submitted by the President and the heads of departments has loaded the Treasury with demands to meet appropriations not asked for nor contemplated by cedure becomes doubly apparent when the administration is held responsible for extravagances to which it Fronts;" " Patent Office.' was perhaps opposed, or for neglects not at all charg-

stormy in the history of the country. The elements of it yet. which the new Congress will be composed certainly leave ground for serious apprehensions upon this score, and, as this is the President-making Congress, it is much to be feared that too much attention may be paid to the manufacture of political capital, and too little to considerations connected with the public good. We can only hope for a better result, without having any great confidence in its being brought about. The indications already becoming apparent, lead us to fear that the very queerly made up opposition majority in the House of Re. resentatives will be more inclined to embarrass the Presithe proper amount of means for the efficient carrying on

Wilmington & Manchester R. R. Company. We are pleased to learn that the business of the above Company, for the fiscal year ending 30th September 1859, exhibits a decided increase upon that of the year preceding, and that, spite of untoward circumstances. and a trying competition from other lines, both interior and by steamship, the prospects of the road are better than at any other period since the completion of the work The following, we understand, are the gross receipts,

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1	44 44	Mails 44,887 50	
	16 16	Minor Sources 4,717 64	
		\$427,043 55	
	Expenditur	es, Ordinary and Extraordinary 217,250 48	
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It is proper to remark that in the item of expendinominally, there are not more than two thousand five of old debts for operating expenses prior to 1858, together with the cost of fifteen new freight cars, (say over three handred who are not of Mexican origin. In \$8,500.) not needed to cover deterioration, but required fact there are now but thirty-four Americans by birth, to meet the increased business of the road. Crediting the expense account by these two amounts, the ratio of ture into perl ashes .- Ex. paper. receipts to expenses will be 100 to 471/3.

The increase in gross receipts has been \$44,857 81 as compared with the preceding year, and this amount by the general name of pelados, a word, the meaning of of increase has been mainly in the item of freights and minor sources and way travel, as follows: The item of of the fracas at White House, Robeson county, which we through travel has increased over the preceding year \$1,239 71; Way Travel, \$4,679 72; Freight and Minor Sources, \$36,794 88; Mail, \$2,137 50.

The debt of the Company has been decreased \$62,-530 18 during the past year, and \$32,179 32 have been applied to construction, mainly in the building of th shops required by the Company on the other side of the river. The amount chargeable to interest and premium on exchange, is \$78,924 93.

It is quite probable that before this time, a force of The business of the road during the current year, or der which the case was being tried. The court claimed that United States and Texan troops is on the ground, fully so much of it as has elapsed since the 30th September, sufficient to chastise any Mexican banditti which may shows a gratifying increase upon that of the correspond be found on the American side of the Rio Grande; but | ing months of 1858, and if nothing not now foreseen octhese troops will not, perhaps, feel justified in pursuing curs during the balance, there is little reason to doubt conveyance back by the schooner Elizabeth. The trial exthem on the other side, and when they are withdrawn a that the exhibit for year 1859-'60 will figure up a large there is a great array of counsel on both sides.

HARPER'S FERRY .- The reports from Charlestown add another feature to the Harper's Ferry affair, and of the affair and it will no doubt be investigated immediately. certainly go far to confirm the worst apprehensions entertained on the score of Northern sympathy with "old Brown" and his banditti. There seems to be little question of the fact that a body of armed men are in they are there for a sinister purpose, namely, the rescue of the convicted murderers now in the jail of Jefferson county awaiting the execution of the sentence passed

If this is to be "the beginning of the end"-if actutual force is to be applied, it is, perhaps, as well that it should come now as at any later period, for the relative strength of the North and the South can never again be better balanced, nor can the South be ever more able to repel aggression than she is now.

now on the soil of Virginia, we do trust that the peo- on board, and cut off the leg which was hanging only by a ple there will do to them what Tom. Corwin wanted the Mexicans to do to our soldiers, welcome them with bloody hands to hospitable graves. The idea, now, of sparing

P. S.—It will be seen by the telegraph to Capt. Hall, neighbourhood of Harper's Ferry, the affair would have that Gov. Wise anticipates no difficulty calling for any been promptly crushed out without having ever assum- force in addition to that which Virginia promptly put

> Captain Brown's wife contradicts the hypothesis sistance, and proceeded on her voyage on the 2d instant. of his insanity, at least so the New York Independent reports the tenor of her remarks during a recent interview with her. She says that he is as sane as any body, and that the attack upon Harper's Ferry was no hastily mail of the 24th ult. reached this city last night. conceived idea, but had been cherished for the last twenty years, until he thought the time for carrying out had arrived. It would appear that he was mistaken.

The latest accounts from Gerritt Smith, say that the relative to the cheapness of coal oil, which it was thought of corn, now before us, upon which there are fully fifteen hundred fully developed grains. It was raised by him as soon as the present fuss blows over. It might not be on Rockfish, in the upper part of New Hanover county. I thought convenient for him to recover too soon.

The new Seamen's Bethel erected adjoining to and an outcry over official extravagance, and none so weak | West of the Seamen's Home, S. W. corner Front and as not to be able to make something of a plausible case Dock Streets, was dedicated yesterday afternoon at 3 against the powers that be, for it is certain that as our o'clock. The Sermon appropriate to the occasion was country grows, our expenses also grow, and that the preached by the Rev. W. B. Yates, of Charleston, who, time is forever passed when the expenses of our State or | we believe, has charge of the Seamen's Bethel in that

dimensions that they occupied at the beginning even of ter, to whose christian liberality Mr Yates gratefully the present decade, to say nothing of a time before the referred. He also paid a feeling tribute to the zeal and existing generation came upon the stage. The country | piety of the late Rev. Mr. Langdon, whose efforts in behalf has grown rapidly-her population has increased and of the seafaring man had been so warm and so efficient.

Mr. Yates was assisted by the Rev. Mr. Greer and keep up expensive establishments on the Pacific ;-she Rev. Mr. McQueen of the Presbyterian Church, and the

Mr. Y. will deliver a lecture to-night at the First

Assistance Promptly Tendered. We learn that Friday afternoon, about 5 o'clock. Captain Hall on behalf of his Company, the Wilmington Light Infantry, telegraphed to Governor Wise tendering him the services of the Company with fifty muskets and a piece of artillery, offering to go at five hour's For the prisoner, Messrs. Jas. Banks, wm. B. Wright and as little afford niggardliness as we can extravagance. A notice if required. The prompt action of the Company false economy is no economy at all, and certainly it is a was in view of the telegraphic advices from the neighfalse economy that deprives the Executive of the means | borhood of Charlestown, Va. In the course of the

RICHMOND, VA. Nov. 18th, 1859-7h, 38m., P. M. CAPTAIN E. D. HALL:

Please accept thanks. Happily no additional force is needed. Virginia is ready for the worst that is likely H. A. WISE.

Harper for December is on our table from Mr. Kelley, Market street. It is an unusually attractive at \$2,000. number, so far as its illustrations are concerned: those given with its first article, "Washington in 1859," being remarkably well got up, and generally interesting. embracing as they do, a " View from the Upper Terrace, Capitol Grounds;" " View from the Dome of the Canithe Executive, while at times the most pressing needs of tol;" "Pediment of the North Wing;" "America, the public service have been left unprovided for, or com- the Apex of the Dome;" "Treasury extension, South paratively unprovided for. The injustice of this pro- and West Fronts;" " Capital of column in Treasury Department;" " General Post Office, North and East

" Holidays in Costa Rica," by Thomas Francis Meagher, is another profusely illustrated article. We presume The next session of Congress will be one of the most it is interesting, but we have no opportunity to examine

NEWS ITEMS.

SUBVIVING "WOMEN OF THE REVOLUTION."-There are | chorage ground of the harbor. only 35 surviving widows (out of 5,000 admitted,) who were pensioned for the services of their husbands in the Revolution. Three reside in Virginia, viz : Sally Goodall, aged 105, Green county; Sally Stewart, aged 100, Appomattox county; and Ann Taylor, aged 102, Madison county. Among the dest are Sarah Fitzpatrick, of Smith county, Tenn., aged 105, and Winifred Holly, of Halifax county, N. C., aged 104. HARPER'S FERRY IN ENGLAND .- They got news in England of the Harper's Ferry outbreak by the steamer Circassian. It created something of a "sensation" The London papers print it, as telegraphed from Liverpool, with big eadings. The Manchester Guardian speaks of it as " alarming:" but thinks "Harper's Ferry is too near the capital dent, than to serve the country by promptly providing and a numerous white population, to afford the insurgents any chance of success." The Liverpool Journal thinks "the Inited States will now have enough to do without justifying of the public business, and the maintenance of the public the outrages of Gen. Harney at San Juan. Time had not elapsed to allow of comment in the London Journals.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT NASHVILLE.—We regret to learn (says the Wilson Ledger of the 17th inst.,) that on Friday night last the county seat of Nash was visited by a fire which did considerable damage before it could be suppressed. The re, we understand, originated in the back part of a build ing occupied, in the lower story, by Mr. Ioerson J. Harriss as a grocery, and in the upper, by Mr. Red Conway as a carriage shop. In a very short time after the discovery of the fire the flames were communicated to the Eagle Hotel, a large and substantial structure, owned by Mr. B. H. Blount, Hilliardston, and leased by our friend W. R. Williams, for a house of entertainment. These buildings were entirely consumed with almost all their contents. We deeply sympathize with Mr. Williams, whose loss is very heavy,-the greater part of his furniture as well as his books, accounts, expenditures and net profits for the twelve months end- &c., being burned. We have no means of arriving at any close estimate of the aggregate loss sustained in this fire, though we suppose it must be quite large. Only prompt and vigorous exertions prevented the further spread of the devouring element. It was undoubtedly the work of an incen-

DEATH OF MAJOR MORELL .- Major William H. Morrell died at St. Catherines, Canada West, on the 7th. Major Morell was born in Lenox, Mass., and was formerly, as an engineer, connected with many works of internal improvement in various sections of the United States. In 1819 he was engaged on the great State road renning through the southern tier of counties of New York, afterwards on the principal railroads in Pennsylvania and Virginia, was subsequently chief engineer of the State of Missouri, and finally,\$50,568 82 within about a year past, closed his valuable engineering or 32 per cent, nearly over the nett receipts of the preceding labors on the slack water navigation on the Cape Fear river

The saw-dust from the mills was formerly considered a great nuisance to the mill owners, who hardly knew how get rid of it, and to river fisheries, which it greatly injured when thrown into the river. Now, however, it is turned to good account, and the ashes command quite a fair price for manure. One hundred bbls. were shipped for Nova Scotia week before last, which were purchased for about 40 cents per bbl. They are also in large demand for the object of extracting the alkali contained in them to manufac-

INUNDATION .- A freshet took place last week in Fish river, Baldwin county, Alabama. Messrs. Kennedy & Ellison, residing on its banks, lost 2,000 bbls. of rosin, 450 bbls. of turpentine, and 11 mules by the overflow. A valuable negro of beeves will be fed this winter. The crop of sorghum man in their employment was drowned. THE CIRCUS ROW IN ROBESON .- We learn that the account

copied from the Petersburg Express, is greatly exaggerated. Nobody was killed, though some persons were beaten. We have not such particulars as to justify a particular account. Fay theville Obs.

The Schr. John A. Stanly, ashore at Squam Beach, it was thought, would be floated off on the 13th instant. She nakes no water. All the cargo had been landed.

THE ALLEGED KIDNAPPING CASE—TRIAL FOR RETURNING SLAVE SECRETED ON A VESSEL .- Barnstable, Mass., Nov. 6.—The court decided in the Hyannis kidnapping case which grows out of the captain of a vessel returning a slave named Jones, to Virginia, which he found on board his vessel.) that the trial must go on. Hon. Caleb Cushing argued against the constitutionality of the personal liberty act unthat was a question for the Supreme Court to decide, not his. District Attorney Sanford opened for the common wealth, arguing with ability. Twenty-five witnesses were called. The first witness testified to the escape of Columbus Jones from the South, on the vessel, and his recapture and cites great interest. Much feeling is being exhibited, and

issue as having been in a row with another of the same name | meeting of abolitionists was held at the Cooper Institute to who is now dead and buried, without a jury of inquest or anything of that nature. The town authorities have heard Fayetteville Carolinian, 18th inst.

RETURN OF FOREIGN DEAD LETTERS-IMPORTANT SUGGES-TION TO POSTMASTERS .- The Constitution is requested to terday, having been recognized as one of Brown's men in call the attention of Postmasters to the importance of endorsing the reason of non-delivery upon all letters from foreign countries which, from any cause, cannot be delivered the neighborhood of Charlestown, Va., and as little that to the person addressed, and are, therefore, sent to the deadletter office to be returned. The omission to make such endorsements has caused numerous inquiries, sometimes accompanied by complaints, from Foreign Postoffice Depart ments, respecting the causes of non-delivery of letters; and if Postmasters will attend to the above sugestion, it will be the means of saving much correspondence.

NEW YORK ELECTIONS .- Albany, Nov. 17 .- The official re turns up to 7 o'clock this evening, show Jones' majority to be 1,270; Richmond's, 2,170; Skinner's 248-all Democrats. Forrest, Republican, for Prison Inspector, has 131 majority. RAILROAD ACCIDENT .- A melancholy accident occurred resterday on the down-train of the Charlotte Railroad The train had stopped at a point above Killian's mills. The conductor, Mr. Yengue, in attempting to get on the train after it was in motion missed his hold and fell on the track, the If, in fact, there is an invading force of any number train passing over his legs cutting one nearly off and smashing the bones of the other. A physician from Rock Hill was piece of flesh. It is thought that probably the other limb | will have to be amputated. The sufferer was brought to

Columbia. - Columbia (S. C.) Guardian, 17th inst. MR. COMPTROLLER BROGDEN .- This worthy and faithful officer has been laboring under serious indisposition for a week or two past, occasioned no doubt by want of exercise and incessant devotion to his duties. He is now absent in Wayne. We trust that he may soon be restored to his usual health .- Raleigh Standard.

MARINE NEWS .- New York. November 17 .- The steam ship North Star got ashore on French Keys, Bahamas, on the 29th of October, seven days out, but got off without as-The schr. C. S. Peaslee, from Jacksonville, Fla., for Philadelphia, capsized five days out from that port. The captain, his wife and five seamen, were lost. George Slatterly, one of the crew, was rescued, and has arrived at Boston. THE OVERLAND MAIL. -St. Louis, Nov. 15 .- The overland Heavy rains fell at San Francisco on the 23d, and there

were indications of continued wet weather. The dates from the Sandwich Islands are to the 3rd of October. The prospects of business were poor, and the com-munity were troubled by reports from the Atlantic States 1st was only ten.

A PORK CASE IN COURT .- A pork dealer in New York has got a verdict against a hog merchant in Ohio, for selling him lot of hogs, part of which were ascertained, on killing, to be "soft hogs," which had been fed with beechnuts, in the woods, instead of being hard or corn-fed hogs, as represent-

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT .- Through the kindness of a friend who received a letter from Prospect Hal', Bladen county we are enabled to give the following particulars of the sad

accident referred to yesterday:
It appears that at day light Saturday last, John J. Gi more, son of Wm. L. Gilmore, aged about 21 years, and a son of W. N. Whitted, aged 13 or 14, started out hunting, at 12 o'clock; being tired they lay down in a shade with their guns by them, and hearing some rustling among the leaves. both started up suddenly, taking hold of their guns and perhaps cocking them. As they rose young Whitted's gun fired—the whole load entering Gilmore's stomach and pass-ing up towards his left shoulder and lodged there. This was the only testimony given to the jury of inquest, and was the declaration of young Gilmore before his death which hapened a short time after dark; his extreme suffering caused the examination to be brief.

The writer says: "It is not exactly known how the accident occurred, but they were evidently some steps apart. Gilmore was thought at first to have had a hold of the gun, but from the scattering of the shot, it must have been otherwise. There were over 31 distinct shot holes. The jury rendered the verdict of death, by the accidental discharge of attack was hourly expected. a gun in the hands of Jas. McK. Whitted.

CUMBERLAND SUPERIOR COURT .- Very little was done on he Civil Docket on Monday and Tuesday. Yesterday, Rand, slave belonging to Messrs. D. & W. McLaurin, was convicted of manslaughter, in killing a man belonging to the estate of Carr Hargrove. For the State, Solicitor Strange. This is the only capital case; but the misdemeanor docket has been growing for a year or two, and there will proba-

bly be time to dispose of it .- Observer. A case of some importance, D. G. McRae, Administrator of Christian Campbell, vs. James Holston, was tried on yesterday. It was an action of Trover for the conversion of slaves, worth about \$10,000, which the plaintiff alleged the defendent carried to Alahama For the plaintiff, Hon. Warren Winslow, A. R. Kelly, W. B. R. Huske, and C. G. Wright, Esq'rs., for the spot, but no enemy. defendent, W. B. Wright and James Banks, Esq'rs. After a clear and lucid charge from the Judge, the jury retired,

The "Albemarl house," owned by Mr. A. E. Jacobs, t Nag's Head, N. C., was burnt last week. Loss estimated General Twiggs, stating that Cortinas had taken

and in about two hours brought in a verdict for the defend-

ent .- Carolinian.

Piccolomini In Ireland -A few young gentlemen in opy of "Don Giovanni," to mark their enthusiasm of her performance of Zerlina. The vocalist, in a letter to her admirers, says she will never forget the " dear Irish. NORTH CAROLINA MANUFACTURERS .- We notice in the So. Carolina papers that the largest exhibiters of agricultural implements at the State Fair last week were Messrs. N.

lovden & Son, of Salisbury in this State. Messrs. Boyden were also very large exhibiters at the North Carolina Fair last month and received many premiums. Their establishment is a large one, and must be of great service in many ways to Salisbury.
The Salisbury Watchman of yesterday says that they re-

ceived premiums in S. C. for "the largest collection and for the best implements. Their premiums consist of four medals, (two of gold and two of silver.) and seven pieces of silver plate, all rich and beautiful."-Fau. Obs. To BE FORTIFIED .- The foundation of a new fort on Hog

Island Ledge, Portland harbor, has just been completed .-The foundations could only be worked at low water, and the process was a long and tedious one. The cost of the fort is estimated at \$480,000, and it is to be fitted to mount 93 guns. It will command all the entrances and all the an-HARD TIMES FOR THE U. G. RAILROAD CONDUCTORS .- A

man from Cincinnati was suspected in Pulaski county, Va., last week of tampering with slaves and was hung up five times, by a rope attached to his neck. After the last ascension, he was let loose, with the assurance that, if caught in Virginia again, he would have to stay up for a permanen-CHAPLAINS IN THE AMERICAN NAVY .- There have been

appointed to the American army and navy, since the organzation of the government, 256 chaplains, viz: Episcopaians, 125: Presbyterians, 54; Methodists, 39; Baptists, 21; Congregationalists, 12; Catholic, 5; and other denominations, At the present time the number is 43-Episcopalians 28; Presbyterians, 6: Methodists, 5: and Congregationalists, 4. SENATOR DOUGLAS .- There is no perceptible change in the ondition of Mr. Douglas health When he was first stricken down he was employed in preparing a reply to Judge Black's rejoinder, which has been issued in pamphlet form, n an unfinished state. He remarks in a note: "I am too

feeble to add more. Here let the controversy close for the RETURNING TO SLAVERY .- By the will of the late David Glass, of this city, his negroes who desired to go to Liberia were ordered to be set free upon arriving at the age of 18 years. In accordance with the provisions of the will, two of the negro men were manumitted by the County Court, and delivered to Mr. Cowan, the agent of the Kentucky Colonization Society. Mr. C. started with them a few days ago. When they reached Lexington, they expressed a wish to see one of their young mistresses who resided there. Mr. Cowan readily acceded to this request, but they did not return. Mr. C. went after them, when they positively refused to go

utor of Mr. Glass's estate has taken charge of them. They will fall back on the heirs and probably be sold. Louisville Courier. WHITE WOMAN SHOT BY A NEGRO .- On Friday night last, Elizabeth Nix, a white woman employed at the drinking-house of Lewis Frank, in Baltimore, Md., was dangerously wounded in the neck by a pistol shot fired by Daniel Keith Doyle, a negro. Doyle was arrested and some of the bystanders held as witnesses.

to Liberia. They have returned to this city, and the exec-

JAPAN TRADE .- A vessel arrived lately at Puget Sound from Japan, with a small cargo of Japanese goods, and was about to load with lumber for Japan. The people of Washington Territory were elated with the hope of a new, near, and excellent market open for their lumber.

A VEGETABLE GUIDE .- A little plant is found upon the praries of Texas, called the "compass flower," which, un der all circumstances of climate, changes of weather, rain, frost or sun-hine, invariably turnes its flowers and leaves towards the North, thus affording an unerring guide to the traveler who, unaided by the needle, seeks to explore those vast plains alone. lowa Corn Crop .- A correspondent who has lately been

through fifteen of the south-eastern counties of Iowa, says : The corn crop is almost universally good-say forty or fifty bushels per acre. Corn is seiling in Van Buren county at 10 cents a bushel, and in other counties 15 or 18 cents, delivered in towns. Buckwheat, potatoes, turnips, &c., are abundant. Wheat is not half a crop in the river counties. The hog crop is large. It is estimated for the fifteen counties named at 150,000. It is also estimated that 20,000 head syrup is estimated in those counties to be worth from \$10,-

SPIRITUALISM AND LITERARY MEN .- In a recent letter to Mr. Charles Dickens, Mr. W. Howitt says that the ghost of Capt. Wheatcroft, a dragoon officer wlo was killed before Delhi, appeared at the war office in London and caused a correction to be made in the recorded date of his death .-The London correspondent of the Manchester Guardian says that Mr. Howitt is in error, and that there was no ghost at all, but that on the death of Capt. Wheatcroft a secret marriage of his was discovered. The same writer adds that Mr Howitt and his family are confirmed spiritualists and ghost seers, and that Sir E. Bulwer Lytton is also a believer in spirits, mediums, and the rest. Fir Edward is the author of capacity to perform its duties to my own satisfaction for any a story in a recent number of Blackwood, entitled "The Haunted and the Haunters : or, The House and the Brain.' The theory of this story is that minds at a distance can manifest their will in a mysterious and awful manner on the health of body, as well as mind, is indispensable. At my minds of others present on the scene of momentous actions

in which the haunter has borne a part. ABOLITION PETITIONS .- In New York, Monday night, at a union prayer meeting held in the lecture room of Dr. Cheever's church, argent prayers were offered on behalf of John Brown and his associates, and two petitions were informally signed requesting Gov. Wise to interpose executive clemency to prevent the operation of the sentence of death. The meeting thoroughly endorsed the spirit of the Harper's Fer-FRATRICIDE.—Fowler, who was noticed in our Monday's ry invaders. A black woman was among the speakers. A consult as to the best method of liberating the condemned. and to secure the passage of a personal liberty bill. ARREST OF AN ALLEGED INSURGENT AT ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Washington, Nov. 19 .- The Alexandria (Va.) Sentinel. of this morning, says, a man was arrested in that city yesthe Harper's Ferry riot. He was committed to jail to await further identification. FATAL RENCONTRE .- Nashville, Nov. 18 .- Allen A. Hall,

editor of the News, killed G. G. Poindexter, the editor of the Union and American, to-day in a street rencontre. It was an editorial quarrel.

ROYAL HAVANA LOTTERY. HE NEXT ORDINARY DRAWING OF THE ROYAL A Havana Lottery, conducted by the Spanish Government under the supervision of the Captain General of Cuba, wii take place at HAVANA, on

TUESDAY, November 29th, 1859. \$360.000. SORTEO NUMERO 627 ORDINARIO. CAPITAL PRIZE_\$100,0001 1 Prize of.......\$100,000 | 50 Prizes of...... 30,000 153 .. 490 20,000 20 Approximations... 8,800 10.000 Your Approximations to the \$100,000 of \$600 each: 4 o

\$400 to \$50,000; 4 of \$400 to \$30,000; 4 of \$400 to \$20,000; 4 of \$400 to \$10,000. Whole Tickets \$20; Halves \$10; Quarters \$5. Prizes cashed at sight at 5 per cent. discount. Bills on all solvent Banks taken at par. A drawing will be forwarded as soon as the result become

All orders for Schemes or Tickets to be addressed to DON RODRIGUEZ, care of City Post, Charleston, S. C. Nov. 9th, 1859.

LOUIS B. ERAMBERT. PHARMACEUTIST, WILMINGTON, N. C. (Under the Carolina Hotel,) CONTINUES to make weekly additions to his Fresh and well selected stock of Drugs, Chemicals, Perfumery and Toilet articles, &c. By recent arrivals the following have been received: Gelsemin, Hydrasten, Leptandrin, Cimacifugin, Podophyllia, Extracts of Matico, German Quinine, &c. A complete assertment of Trusses now on hand. Parties who order by mail will please be careful in sending the correct measurement, and also, for which side the instrument is wanted for. Oct. 18th, 1859.

NEW CROP RICE. of new crop Rice, just landed and for sal HATHAWAY & Co.

BY TELEGRAPH.

The Rescue of Brown & Co. Threatenest.

WASHINGTON CITY, Nov. 18th, 1859. Gov. Wise was telegraphed from Charlestown yesterday, that a force of two hundred and forty men, armed with Sharpe's Rifles, had encamped near Charlestown, supposed for the purpose of rescuing old Brown and his confederates-and asking for force to disperse them .-The military of Richmond and Alexandria were instantly under arms, and two companies passed here this morning en route for Charlestown. The intelligence come from Col. Davis and the Superintendent of the Armory at Harper's Ferry.

Brownsville (Texas) Safe. NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 18th, 1859 .- Later and relia-

ble intelligence received here says that the town of Brownsville, Texas, was safe up to the 4th inst., but an Great Fire at Atlanta, Ga.

ATLANTA, GA., Nov. 18th, 1859.

There was a great fire at this place on Wednesday night last. The Intelligencer newspaper office, several large stores and three children were consumed. The

loss is estimated at \$300,000.

CHARLESTOWN, VA., Nov. 19th, 1859. The excitement here was groundless, the affair of the burning of a wheat stack caused a panic which extended to Col. Davis. A thousand armed men were on the diately, upon satisfactory proofs, in funds current in the cities of New York or Boston, as the assured may prefer.

Panic Groundless.

The War Department has received a despatch from

Brownsville Taken.

Brownsville, and killed one hundred Americans, then NOW ON EXHIBITION AT BARRY'S DAGUERREOTYPE Dublin have presented Piccolomini with a superbly bound marched with eight hundred men, towards the Neuces. The report is not fully credited. Brownsville Safe.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 21st, 1859. Brownsville is safe: a strong force is there. Cortinas, the chief officer, has been hung by Capt. Tobin.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 19th, 1859.

Encampment at Charlestown. Washington, D. C., Nov. 21st, 1859. In consequence of the late state of feeling prevailing among the people of Clark and Jefferson counties, Governor Wise, with seven hundred troops has gone to Charlestown to form an encampment and scour the coun-

try. He will remain till after the executions. There is no cause for the late alarm.

Troops for the Rio Grande. WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 21st, 1859. The U. S. Government has ordered eight companies son who, after learning their use, is not satisfied with his bar of artillary to the Rio Grande.

It has been asserted that the U.S. is about to seize given. Northern Mexico but this is not fully authenticated. Possibly there may be some ground for the statement.

Later from Europe. SACKEVILLE, N. B., Nov. 21st, 1859. The Steamer Canada arrived at Halifax on Saturday great rapidity and neatness. Its great recommendations last, with Liverpool dates to the 7th inst., received by

telegraph at Queenstown. The general news is unimportant. It is asserted that Garibaldi desires to head a revolution for the purpose of freeing Italy, but Victor

Emanuel objects. The Peace Congress will probably meet at Brussells. France and England have agreed on the basis of ne-

Liverpool Market.

gotiations.

LIVERPOOL, Nov. 5th, 1859. Cotton-Sales for the week 60,000 bales, of which speculators and exporters took 8,000 bales each. Middling qualities have improved from extreme rates to 1-16d. Other qualities generally unchanged.

Fair Orleans 8d.; Middling do. 7 7-16d.; Fair Uplands 7 3-8d.; Middling do. 6 15-16d. Stock at Liverpool 478,000 bales, of which 308,000 are American.

Wheat steady and lower qualities have improved 2s.

Corn buoyant, and has advanced 6d. a 1s. Rice steady.

Rosin dull at 4s. Spirits Turpentine dull at 34s. a 35s.

Telegraphic dates received at Queenstown on Monday 7th.) state that the markets on that day were steady

Consols for money closed at 96 1-2.

Judge Ruffin's Letter of Resignation.

The Raleigh Standard says :- "We are indebted to the courtesy of His Excellency, Gov. Ellis, for a copy of Judge Ruffin's letter of resignation, which will be found below. We learn that the Governor has notified the members of the Council of State to meet in Raleigh on t, e 6th of next month, to fill the vacancy: ALAMANCE, November 5th, 1859.

SIR :- It is my duty, I think, to resign the office of a Judge of the Supreme Court, and I now do so. The office has been so recently accepted by me, that its relignation-especially during the recess of the General Assembly-seems to require a word of explanation, which, I

trust, you will allow me to offer. The call to the station at the last session of the Legislature I regarded as so high an honor that with my habitual deference for that body and my desire to serve my country, when I could do so usefully, I could not then decline it.-But, certainly, I undertook it with much misgiving as to my considerable period. You are aware, and the whole profession must know, that the place is one which not only requires learning and ability, but is also full of labor, to which age that was hardly to be expected, and the experience of the year evinces that I am not an exception to the common rule. I have had considerable indisposition during each term of the Court, which I am obliged to attribute mainly, at least as to its duration, to the labors belonging to the office; and during the two summer terms I have suffered from a cough and fever, threatening a permanent decline and materially interfering with the discharge of my official duties. I ought, perhaps, to have laid down office at the adjournment of the Court at Morganton; and I would have done it had I not thought myself obliged, under the hope of realth. to serve as l restricting your Excellancy in the period you might wish for the selection of a successor. The interval has not resulted in such improvement as would justify me in longer deferring my resignation. I find I have taken on me too much, and I am satisfied that I ought now to resign. For it would be against the principle of my whole life to hold office without a moral certainty of doing its duties to the satisfaction of intelligent and good men, so as to reflect back on the country some portion, at least. of the honor conferred by so high a public trust. I cannot, therefore, anticipate the censure of a single one of my fellow citizens for seeking, in such a condition of

things, to be discharged from service. I must add that I retire both with regret and the deepest sense of obligation to the Legislature and the people of the State for the oft-repeated proofs of their confidence, and with an earnest prayer to Almighty God for peace and prosperity in all our borders. I am, with great consideration.

Your Excellency's most obedient servant, THOMAS RUFFIN. His Excellency, Gov. ELLIS, Raleigh, N. C. THE FASHION FOR PANTS

nominated "tight style," introduced to customers the present season are remnants of old stock, kept over here; or, in wholesale houses North. THE STYLE for this winter has a much more ample disolay of leg-the general outline of the pants is bolder-it has none of the pinched and scanty appearance of last Spring, or, more especially of last Winter. The assortment of fashionable Pants-newly made-em-

T IS FAIR to presume that all Pants, cut in what is de-

braces every price, from nine dollars to one dollar and fifty cents_now on exhibition at BALDWIN'S Clothing Store, 38 Market Street. November 19th. BOOKS_BOOKS. ATEW AND INTERESTING, by Express this morning, at KELLEY'S NEW BOOK STORE. Smooth Stones, from Ancient Brooks, by C. Spurgeon;

Sixth Velume of Spurgeon's Sermons;

A Nov. 12th

1st. 2d. 3d, 4th and 5th Volumes of Spurgeon's Sermons; Scottish Chiefs, illustratied :1 Swiss Family, Robinson; Lucy Howard's Journal: Hood's complete Works, in Sheep; Third Volume of Ed. Everett's Orations and Speeches; Chess Men of Guttapercha, a fine article; November 19th.

CONCENTRATED LEY. DUT UP IN CASES containing 2 dozen 1 lb. cases—best article in use for making Soap. For sale by
Nov. 10th ZENO H. GREENE. Nov. 10th N. C. TOBACCO.

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Authorised Capital,.....\$1,000,000 Capital Paid in,..... 500,000 Surplus, 300.000 ASSETS JANUARY 1, 1859. Cash on hand and in Bank,......\$43,455 22 Real Estate unencumbered, (cash value,)...... 54,827 05 Cash in hand of Agents and in transit, Bills Receivable, amply secured,...... 73,174 55 2,404 Shares Bank Stock in Hartford, State and City Bonds, 6 per cents,..... 74,245 (c

803,769 8 DIRECTORS. H. HUNTINGTON. JOY ALLYN, CHARLES BOSWELL, JOHN P. BRACE. HENRY KENEY, JAMES GOODWIN. CHARLES J. RUSS. CALVIN DAY, H. HUNTINGTON, President. TIMO. C. ALLYN, Secretary. C. C. LYMAN, Assistant Secretary

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Losses equitably adjusted at this Agency, and paid imme H. R. SAVAGE, Agent. Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 19, 1859. 141-26-17*

\$40 THE \$40 DOUBLE LOCK STITCH FAMILY SEWING MACHINES.

GALLERY, MOZART HALL. COMPLETE WITH THE TABLE SEWING WITH 1WO THREADS FROM TWO SPOOLS. Patented January 4th, 1859. No Complicated Machinery-No Gelling out of Order!

ESPECIALLY ADAPTED FOR FAMILY AND PLANTATION USE 1000 STITCHES IN A MINUTE! These machines are warranted first class, and fully equal to the highest priced machines. OBSERVE :- We invite all to bring any garment, COARSE or FINE, HEAVY or LIGHT, which we will make up at once,

low-priced machine as yet offered, sewing with two threads GUARANTEED NO HUMBUG!

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These machines will Gather, Hem, Stitch or Fell in the most beautiful and substantial manner. Our new and improved hemmer will turn a hem of any width, stitching at the same time without any previous basting. We warrant these Machines to be just what we here re-

Testimonials can be seen at the rooms, and reference iven. E. T. BARRY & CO.,
Proprietors of the Patent for Middle and Eastern North Carolina, to whom apply for County Agencies. June 20th, 1859 .- 244 43-lawly

WILMINGTON, N. C., 11th July, 1859. Messrs. E. T. BARRY & Co.-Gentlemen THE SEWING MACHIN .. of Scovil & Goodell's pattern which I purchased from you some time since, sews with are its simplicity of construction and its adaptation to family use. The negroes and children about the house soon acquire a knowledge of its use, and sew apparently as well as

the most experienced. I have no hesitancy in recommending it as a useful invention" Respectfully your ob't. serv't., M. LONDON. July 15 .- 46-tf

SUGAR_SUGAR. 28 BBLS. C. YELLOW; 10 do. A. do., just received per schr. E. Kidder, and for sale by T. H. McKOY & CO.

COFFEE_COFFEE. 80 L. P. Smith, and for sale by
Nov. 19.

BAGS RIO, (various grades,) just received per schr.
T. H. McKOY & CO.

CRACKERS. CODA, Sugar, Butter, Boston, Lemon and Cream Crackers, for sale by the bbl., box or single pound, by
L. B. HUGGINS & SONS. S. E. Cor. Market and 2d sts. FISH.

ring. For sale by L. B. HUGGINS & SONS, S. E. cor. Market & 2d sts. 50 BARRELS Family and Super, and 10 bags. Just received and for sale by

Nov. 12th

Nov. 17.

TOS. 1 AND 3 MACKEREL, Salmon, Codfish and Her-

RICE_RICE. 40 CASKS NEW PRIME CHARLESTON RICE. For Sale by G. C. & W. J. MUNRO. YOUTHS' FINE DRESS CAPS.

W. H. McRARY & CO.

S. E. Cor. Market & 2d sts.

NEW and handsome assortment just opened at 34 Mar-ket st. MYERS & MOORE, A ket st. Hat & Cap Emporium. RECEIVED THIS DAY. FINE ASSORTMENT OF CURTAIN DAMASK, of

various colors, also a handsome variety of Cornices and Curtain fixtures. C. POLVOGT. Corner Front and Princess Street. BUTTER AND CHEESE. THOICE LOTS of above articles received to-day, pe J schr. L. P. Smith. For sale by L. B. HUGGINS & SONS.

WESTERN BACON. HHDS. WESTERN SIDES AND SHOULDERS. Just received and for sale by G. C. & W. J. MUNRO.

STOKLEY & OLDHAM are constantly manufacturing the BEST FAMILY FLOUR, at the CAPE FEAR FLOUR MILLS, Wilmington, N. For sale at the Mills, and at their Store, No. 5 South Water street: In whole barrels and half barrels; In bags containing one-half; In bags containing one-fourth ; In bags containing one eigth: They keep constantly on hand, at the Mill, and at their

store. FRESH GROUND MEAL, HOMMINY, CRAUK-ED CORN, COW FEED, SHORTS, BRAN, &c., &c. They also keep for sale-CORN at wholesale and retail ; OATS at wholesale and retail; PEAS at wholesale and retail; HAY at wholesale and retail; Marshall's FINE SALT in sacks: Liverpool ground ALUM SALT, in sacks: North Carolina FLOUR on consignment. July 6, 1859.

THE BEST WOOL HATS ROR field or plantation use, can be found at the Emporium. We have just added 50 dozen to our stock. Planters will please examine them. MYERS & MOORE, 34 Market st. Nov. 19.

WILMINGTON FOUNDRY AND MACHINE SHOP FRONT STREET, (BELOW MARKET STREET,) Wilmington, N. C.

L. A. HART & JOHN C. BAILEY, PROPRIETORS. BRASS AND IRON CASTINGS, finished or unfinished; new Machinery made and put up; old Machinery overhauled; all kinds of Patterns, Ornamental and Architectural will supply Drafts of all kinds of Machine ry and Mill Work generally.

All work warranted to be as represented. Orders pectfully solicited. Also Turpentine Stills and Copper Work in all its branches. November 11th, 1859—56-11-d&w-1y

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premises. A family of young Negroes would be taken part payment. Those desirous of purchasing will do well to inspect the premises. Address me at Whiteville, N. C. CALVIN HAYNES; or D. PIGOTT, Wilmington, N. C.

Sept. 10, 1859. Georgetown (S. C.) Pee Dee Times copy 4 weeks and send bill to this office. 5 BARRELS N. C. LARD; 150 bags Laguayra, Rio, and Java Coffee;

New Orleans, Crushed and Coffee Sugars; 10 barrels Flour, (fresh); 30 boxes N. Y. State Dairy Cheese ; 30 barrels Mess Pork; 60 " Mullets: 100 kegs Nails, (assorted numbers); 10 kegs Powder; 150 bags Shot; 12 bales Gunny Bagging;

20 coils Rope; 3 bales Bagging Twine; 15 barrels Cider Vinegar; 40 Canal Barrows;

Cornshellers, Plows, Strawcutters, Soap, Candles, Starch, Yeastpowder, Spice, Pepper, &c., &c., by ZENO H. GREENE.

CHOICE LOT. For sale by W. H. McRARY & CO.